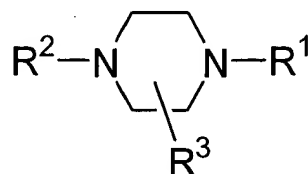


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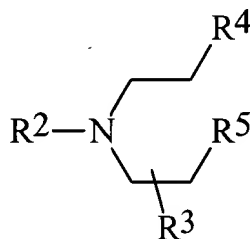
The present invention relates to a novel process for preparing a compound of the formula

I:



wherein R^1 denotes substituted or unsubstituted alkyl, aryl, arylalkoxy, tosyl, formyl, benzoyl, acetyl or amine; R^2 denotes substituted or unsubstituted alkyl, alkoxy, aryl, aryloxy or arylalkoxy; and R^3 denotes substituted or unsubstituted alkyl, alkoxy, aryl, aryloxy or arylalkoxy; by reacting a compound of the formula

B²



II

wherein R^2 and R^3 are as defined above and R^4 and R^5 are independently selected from the group consisting of fluoro, chloro, bromo and iodo,

with a compound of the formula H_2N-R^1 , wherein R^1 is as defined above. Preferably the reaction is performed in the presence of a solvent. Polar aprotic solvents such as, dimethyl formamide, dimethylacetamide and dimethylsulfoxide are preferred.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claims 1, 49, 53, 54, 58, and 63, as follows: